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Art Unit 2671

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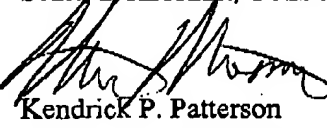
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 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
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Pierre S. Boudier
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